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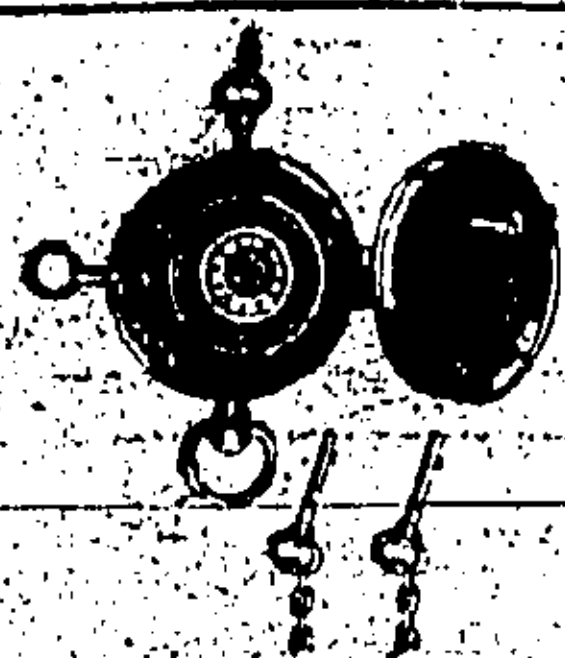
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FRENCH ULTIMATUM TO MINEROWNERS.

Paris, January 17.
Telegrams from Essen state that a large number of troops is proceeding eastward enjoining the belief that the French will extend the area of occupation today. The French have not hitherto exercised the threatened control of coal from the Ruhr to the interior, consignments of which are proceeding normally. The transport of reparations coal has not been resumed.

Paris, January 17.
The Germans have declined an invitation to attend the Reparations Commission on the question of Belgian deliveries to Italy.

La Liberté's Düsseldorf correspondent reports that disorders occurred at Dortmund culminating in a pitched battle between Nationalists and Communists. The French did not intervene but as a precaution despatched two cavalry regiments with a tank section.

Brussels, January 17.
The Ministry of War has received a telegram showing that the 'Belgo German incident' called earlier was simply due to drunken Germans firing revolvers. The Belgians retaliated. There were no casualties.

THE VICIOUS CIRCLE

Paris, January 17.
The Havas correspondent at Düsseldorf has learned from a good source that owing to the occupation of the Ruhr, Hugo Stinnes has cancelled contracts for iron ore with Canadian Companies. Consequently 2,200 workers in Newfoundland are likely to be rendered idle.

CONTROL STATIONS ESTABLISHED

Essen, January 17.
The French authorities are taking steps to control the movement of coal. They have established control stations at Essen, Witten, Muelheim, Bottrop and Oberhausen which will also direct the use of rolling stock. It is significant that some of the twenty thousand trucks despatched from the Ruhr to Germany in twenty four hours have returned. It is reported that the Berlin Government ordered the coal wagons not to be returned to the Ruhr. It is understood that the German mine-owners have been given until now to day to decide whether they will carry out the orders of the French. If they refuse, as undoubtedly they will, further sanctions will be immediately enforced. The properties of Krupp, Stinnes and Thyssen will be the first to suffer as they are the richest in Germany and the leaders of the industrial warlike.

It is announced that the head office of Hugo Stinnes' Company has been transferred from Muelheim to Hamburg.

"MILITARY OPERATIONS CONCLUDED."

Düsseldorf, January 17.
A French official statement says that military operations have been concluded and future sanctions will be economic and not military.

The French now control and regulate the coal traffic.

The Germans to day offered deliveries of coal to Italy but the latter is acting in conjunction with the Franco-Belgians. In consequence the Germans are not complying with the order to resume deliveries. The French are requisitioning coal and proceeding to take measures against individual industrialists. The statement concludes that the mines are working normally and there is no indication of trouble.

DEFAULT IN DELIVERIES

Berlin, January 17.
Although the reparations deliveries to France and Belgium have ceased it is stated that they will continue to be made to Britain Italy, Yugoslavia and Poland.

Paris, January 17.

Orders have been given for the immediate expropriation of the State forests on the left bank of the Rhine as a sanction for the default in timber deliveries.

TROUBLE AT MIM L

Paris, January 17.

The Conference of Ambassadors has decided to send an extraordinary commission to constitute a provisional Government under the aegis of the Allies.

RUN-WAY CONJURIE

S.C.A. OFFICE SENSATION.

FAIL FOR ACCUSED.

Leung Hung-chung, the Chinese charged with wounding his concubine at the S.C.A. Office on the 10th was brought before Mr. Lindell on the 17th this morning.

DEBT FUNDING DISCUSSIONS

ONLY A SMALL DIFFERENCE

Washington, January 17.
Members of the American debt-funding commission report that the suggested figure of three per cent interest on the British debt is not favored as it is below the rate America is paying on certain loans. It is understood that an agreement in principle will be reached. Finally the British delegation will delay its departure if there is no agreement by Saturday.

A YEAR'S DELAY

Washington, January 17.
To-morrow's meeting of the Debt-funding Commission will be in the nature of a leave-taking. Mr. Stanley B. Down and his colleagues will go home on January 20. The Americans have indicated to the British that President Harding is unable to assent to any plan which is not likely to receive the approval of the present session of Congress thereby delaying the settlement at least a year and similarly holding on the negotiations with other European nations wherein it was hoped the British arrangements would serve as a precedent. It is pointed out that the ground has been sufficiently cleared to enable the final date to be settled by an exchange of diplomatic messages.

LONDON EXCHANGE MARKS

London, January 17.
The news from the Ruhr is having a further disquieting influence on the London foreign exchange market. German marks are now at 81,000/85,000 French francs at 99/15 and Belgian francs at 75/90. Sterling on New York, owing to the debt hitch at Washington, receded to 4/6 1/2. The subscription list for the D. I. India loan closed before noon.

LATELY

Markets closed at 80,000/87,000, starting at 4/6 1/2. French francs at 93/70 and Belgian francs at 76/25.

BAKU OILFIELD

BIG AMERICAN CONCESSION.

New York, January 17.
A party of officers and engineers will sail for Baku on January 27 for the purpose of drilling under the terms of an agreement with the International Barnstall Corporation and the Soviet Government giving the Corporation a concession to operate a large section of the Baku oilfields.

L. BOUZE WINS BY ELECTION

London, January 17.
The Newcastle East by-election unaccompanied by the death of the Labour member Mr. Bell resulted in Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) 11,036. Major Barnes (Ind. Liberal) 6,682. Captain Gee (Conservative) 6,460.

LO-BON BANK'S PROFITS

London, January 17.
The London City and Midland Bank shows a net profit for last year of £2,253,000, compared with £2,454,000 in 1921. The dividend of 18 per cent is the same as for the previous year.

PRESIDENT HARDING AILED

Washington, January 17.
President Harding is ailed with influenza and has cancelled all his engagements.

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THE Underlined have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

on
FRIDAY, January 19, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at their Sales Rooms, Duddell Street.
17600 yds. Cotton Covered Office Wire
2804 lbs. Scrap Iron
1871 lbs. Scrap Iron Wire
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1805 lbs. Scrap Copper Wire
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4 Oscillating Electric Fans
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Also
Cleans Porcelain, Porcelain Bell
Pushes, Iron Screws, etc., etc.
Terms—Cash on delivery.

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Hongkong, January 16, 1923.

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A Valuable Collection of about
1500 Unused Stamps

Mostly British Colonials, King's Head in
mint condition.

Also
9th Cent. Yellow Brown Unused
On View: Saturday the 20th January
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 24, 1923,
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The Whole of his Valuable
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Comprising:—
Walnut wood tables, chairs and
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ing Room Suite (Huntfield couch and
chairs).

Stained oak wood extension dining
table, chair, dinner wagon with bevel-
led mirror, large sideboard with bevel-
led mirror, tea table, tea chest, dinner
and tea service, cut-glass and crystal
table service.

Walnut wood double bedsteads, dress-
ing table and chest of drawers (American
make), washstand, toilet set, pictures,
double and single wardrobes with
travelling glass door, etc.

New Carpets, pile rugs, curtains, etc.,
etc.

Brass figure, hall lamps, brass
craquelé and cut-glass.

On view from Tuesday the 23rd inst.
Catalogue will be issued.
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Hormin Blasi, from Windstock.
Kuching, from Yehama.
Lanyuan Great Eastern Hotel, from
Shanghai.
7777, from Shanghai.
Pockchuan, from Amoy.
Kwang Lee, from Shanghai.
Ho Choung Jearline, from Kobe.
Yuen On, from Shanghai.

N. LUND,
Act. Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 11, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in
E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.
Haining Oil, from New York.
Harry Great Eastern Hotel, from
Bangkok.
Scat pon, from Calcutta.
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M. E. F. AIREY,
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Hongkong, January 11, 1923.

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JEWELLERED HERE 3,000 YEARS OLD.

The most wonderful discovery of
Egyptian treasures for many years
has been made at Luxor, the ancient
Thebes. There the Earl of Carnarvon
and Mr. Howard Carter have
unearthed magnificent jewelled funeral
relics of King Tutankhamen. This
monarch reigned in Egypt nearly
1400 years B.C. or 280 years after
Stonehenge was built.

The treasures were in sealed secret
chambers beneath the tomb of
Rameses VI., says The Times Cairo
correspondent.

The excavators were dumbfounded
by the light that met their gaze.

First they saw three magnificent
State couches, all gilt, with exquisite
carving and heads of Typhon, Hathor,
and lion. On these rested beds,
beautifully carved, gilt, inlaid with
ivory and semi precious stones, and
also innumerable boxes of exquisite
workmanship.

There was a stool of ebony inlaid
with ivory, with the most delicately
carved ducks' feet; also a child's stool
of fine workmanship.

Beneath one of the couches was
the State Throne of King Tutankhamen,
probably one of the most
beautiful objects of art ever discover-
ed. There was also a heavily gilded
chair, with portraits of the King and
Queen, the whole encrusted with
turquoise, onyx, lapis, and other
semi-precious stones.

Two life-sized bituminised statues
of the King with gold work holding a
golden staff and mace, faced each
other, the handsome features, the
hands delicately carved, with eyes of
glass and head-dress richly studded
with gems. There were also four
chariots, the sides of which were
encrusted with semi-precious stones
and rich gold decoration.

There were some exquisite alabaster
vases with very intricate and un-
known design, all of one piece, and
some handsome blue Egyptian
faience, and enormous quantities of
provisions for the dead, comprising
trussed duck, haunches of venison
and so forth, all packed in boxes ac-
cording to the custom of the time.

A further chamber revealed an
incredible state of confusion. Here
furniture, gold beds, exquisite boxes,
and alabaster vases similar to those
found in the first chamber were piled
high one on top of the other, so closely
packed that it has been impossible to
get inside yet.

Tutankhamen's reign marks a tran-
sition from the Aten faith back to the
worship of Amen.

"NEVER THE MAN FOR ME"

GUILTY WOMAN'S LETTER.

A nodding acquaintance

was cited as co-respondent by Mr. Harold
Irving Duncan, residing at Queen's
Gate Terrace, W., who asked Mr.
Justice Horridge in the Divorce Court
to dissolve his marriage, which was
celebrated in April, 1919, because of
the unfaithfulness of his wife, Mrs.
Cora Mayne Duncan, dan ing
mistress, with Mr. Sidney Oakley, a
pianist.

Mr. Duncan related how after his
marriage at a Registry Office he and
his wife lived at Holland Park, W.,
and had one child. There were
differences because the wife stopped
out late at night. She visited dance
rooms and night clubs despite remon-
strances. In January, 1920, she
confessed misconduct but he forgave
her. At the end of 1921 she met the
co-respondent.

Counsel (Mr. Willis): Did you know
the man? I had a nodding acquaint-
ance with him. He was well aware re-
spondent was my wife. She was en-
gaged at the same club as he (co-
respondent) was.

Co-respondent was a pianist at the
"dancing club in Glasshouse-street,
where your wife was dancing instruc-
tress?—Yes.

On February 24, last year, he re-
ceived a letter from his wife in which
she wrote:—

Dear Harold,—I no longer love you
and I have met a man I love and who
loves me and I want to marry me
as soon as I am free.

I told you a lie when I said I went
to a girl friend's flat on Thursday
night. I was at an hotel in Coram-
street with the man I wish to marry.

I know I have not been a faithful
wife to you. You were never the
man for me and never will be, so
please divorce me as soon as you can.

A solicitor's clerk said that, acting
on instructions, he went to an address
in Gower street and saw "Mr. and
Mrs. Oakley (respondent and co-re-
spondent). The lady expressed a desire
to marry Mr. Oakley and said she
hoped the divorce proceedings would
be got over as quickly as possible.

Another time witness called the
couple were in bed.

A decree nisi with costs was pro-
nounced.

TOMB ROBBERIES

What adds interest to this discovery
is that there is still yet a third sealed
chamber, which significantly, the two
figures of the King discovered are
guarding and which may possibly
turn out to be the actual tomb of
King Tutankhamen, with members of
the heretic's family buried with him.

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LORDS.

PEER'S NAME FOR SUCCOULENT

APPLE TART.

"One Lord Finlay, with cream!"
Such is the thrilling order that
often descends from the Peers' dining-
room at the House of Lords to the
kitchen. But it does not denote
cannibalistic tendencies on the part
of the diner. "One Lord Finlay" is
not a nice juicy steak or chop, but a
portion of succulent apple tart, so
called because Lord Finlay has an
inexplicable passion for it—with lots
of apple.

Other Peers are also known to the
dining-room staff at the House of
Lords to have their special predilec-
tions. Lord Haldane's is his soda
water, Lord Osofow's his tea (cake,
bread, and butter ad lib.), Lord
Buckmaster is a man of frugal tastes
fond of salted herring.

Of less frequent visitors, Lord
Knutsford, who never touches spirits,
is one of the best judges of good wine
in the House. He electrified the room
once by asking mustard as other men
eat butter, the secret being that Lord
Knutsford cannot taste mustard.

Peers like other people, have their
gastronomic likes and dislikes, so a
menu of considerable variety is
always provided by Mr. R. O.
Vaughan, Controller of the House of
Lords' refreshment department, as-
sisted by Mr. W. J. Baron, the
manager. This after the opening
of Parliament, consisted of:

Mulligatawny soup, 8d.; fried sole
and anchovy sauce, 1s. 8d.; grilled
chops, 1s. 8d.; calves head and ham,
1s. 8d.; ham and egg outlets, roast
turkey and sausage, 1s. 10d.; boiled
salmon, 1s. 8d.; boiled chicken
and rice, 1s. 10d.; Brussels sprouts
and potatoes, 4d.; cold ham, 1s. 8d.; apple
pudding, mince pie, apple tart, or
milk pudding, 6d.; coffee, 6d. a cup.

The service charges are, "Peers
and officers of the House," 6d.;
"other persons," 1s.; and no
gratuities are allowed. The "other
persons" include parliamentary
counsel.

A feature the other day was the
luncheon part for twelve given by
the new Lord Chancellor. It cost
him 6s. a head, and for this sum
was provided: mulligatawny
soup, fried sole maitre d'hotel, boiled
chicken, sprouts and potatoes, mince
pies, cheese, and coffee.

The was quite a small affair com-
pared to the "breakfast" which the
Lord Chancellor will give to the
judges and other legal
officials, including their retinue, 600
in all, at a total cost of roughly £250.

Eaten up with Rheumatism But De Witt's Cured him

Another splendid triumph for Famous "Proof Cure"

Do you suffer from rheumatic shoot-
ing in the limbs and stiff aching health and spirits while the poison is Bladder Pills? I was surprised and
in your system. Bright's Disease is delighted at the relief I obtained after
the first dose. I continued with them,
and got rapidly better, and could soon
get about with comparative ease. I have
been running a serious risk. It is dan-
gerous to delay. It is no longer no
symptoms which will prove to them
whether their kidneys are weak or not,
and these symptoms should not be over-
looked or disregarded, because serious
and incurable forms of kidney and
bladder disorder start with very slight
symptoms, and gradually get worse.
How are you to recognize kidney and
bladder trouble? Just ask yourself the
question, "Have I any of the following
symptoms?" Have I a nasty taste in
the mouth first thing in the morning,
puffiness under the eyes, general feeling
of weakness and irritability, aches and
pains in various parts of the body? Have I
a frequent, cloudy urine, or a
stinging or itching sensation when
as though my back will break? These
are the sure and certain symptoms of
kidney trouble, and those who suffer
from backache, rheumatism, gout,
catarrh, gravel, stone, cystitis (inflam-
mation of the bladder), or pains in the
muscles and joints, are all suffering
these pains through weak or diseased
kidneys, for these are positively the
symptoms of kidney trouble.

These signs of kidney or bladder
trouble are caused by the poisonous acid
in the blood which the kidneys should
remove, but they do not, owing to their
being in a weak state.

The kidneys are the filters of the
body, and it is through them that
the impurities from the blood pass out
of the system. If the kidneys are out
of order, these impurities, which take
the form of tiny jagged crystals of
uric acid, are held up in the body,
causing those rheumatic twinges in the
joints and muscular aching pains. Some-
times I had to crawl up and down
the stairs, on hands and knees, the
back pain was so terrible. After I had
kidney trouble above all else, head-
ache, nervous, aching, swollen feet, a
bad breath, constipation, and weakness
remedied, without success, I was ad-
vised to try De Witt's Kidney and
Bladder Pills.

Mr. Thomas Thomas, of Park Ridge
Frederick, says: "For four or five
years I was constantly ailing, and my
arms and legs ached so badly that I
could not hobble out on crutches, but
joints and muscular aching pains. Some-
times I had to crawl up and down
the stairs, on hands and knees, the
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ache, nervous, aching, swollen feet, a
bad breath, constipation, and weakness
remedied, without success, I was ad-
vised to try De Witt's Kidney and
Bladder Pills with the red seal on the
back, and in the end, wrote to
The Central Dispensary, 14, Queen's Road Central, Agents for South China.

De Witt's Kidney and Bladder Pills
remedied, properly administered, will
cure from the system the poisons
which cause all this pain and distress
as a "normal good health
and out."

With De Witt's Kidney and Bladder
Pills, you are absolutely
guaranteed to relieve your pain and
bring back to you the normal good
health and spirits. Many people's
lives are made a burden by those
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these rheumatic twinges in the limbs,
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MORE TROUBLE, YET.

Was it some ingenious mechanical device, some baffling mathematical riddle, or some profound philosophical formula?—this Chinese puzzle which Westerners have adopted. Or was it something more intricate, something more baffling—the country's politics? Assuredly it must have been this last, for even here, on the very doorstep of the great stage, Western observers sometimes find it impossible to follow every quick change in the political drama and analyse its origin and import before both are lost in another perhaps even quicker change. And the on-lookers, the proverbial eyes, are most of the game. But perhaps he cannot always see the wood for the trees—with some being ruthlessly destroyed here and others feverishly forced there, healthy and unhealthy alike, he finds it difficult to tell whether the forest is making general progress or whether it is fast decaying. Such is the political chaos in China.

Canton provides a typical example of this political confusion, and he would be a bold man who would predict the outcome of this week's dramatic events. The Kwangsi and Yunnanese invaders now have complete possession of the city, the South's richest prize, and assuredly they will want their rewards. They have fought under Sun Yat-sen's name, but it does not follow that they share his motives, constitution, or enthusiasm, personal ambition, or revenge against Chan Kwong-ming. They have come, reports say, because their own impoverished provinces

cannot meet their demands. Therefore, if the rabble has not been lured by the Napoleonic promise which has captured Canton more than once before, the promise of unrestricted looting over a given period, most certainly then have their leaders been actuated by the hope of personal gain. Sun Yat-sen, as the *China Mail* has said before, is suffering from megalomania. He has been unable to resist the demoralising influence of the limelight in which he has now lived for years. Then why does he still remain in the North, this egotist steeped in romantic illusion, instead of coming South post-haste to collect the credit and the glory the "Sun Yat-sen forces" have won? Has he lions in the Peking fire? Is he scheming bigger triumphs? Or is he afraid?—realising Canton is too unhealthy, too dangerous while this difficult question of rewarding the victors is still unsettled. Whatever action Sun Yat-sen eventually takes we have little hope that it will benefit China generally. His megalomania, his hatred for Chan Kwong-ming, and his personal ambition absorb him too much. As we have said before, he has arrived at that condition of mind where to "save face" is more important than to save his fellow countrymen.

But how will it end, this political confusion? The currents, cross-currents and under-currents, make it almost impossible to tell. One thing stands clear though—more trouble, much more trouble faces Canton. Chan Kwong-ming's defeat is largely attributed to his inability to satisfy the insatiable demands of his military leaders, and who will say that the new master of Canton will meet any more success in this respect? Chan Kwong-ming, again, failed to placate the civil population by reducing his military establishment—their, indeed, would have

meant quick disaster for him—and who will say, either, that the Kwangsi and the Yunnanese invaders will allow themselves to be disbanded because their strength is distasteful to the populace? Clearly, Canton faces more trouble, and even if the other storm-centres are magically calmed, this alone means strife, disorder, and disunity for China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Charles Montagu Powell, of the Inspectorate-General of Customs, to Miss Marjorie Fenton, of Peking.

A waterlogged junk, bottom up, which is a danger to navigation, is reported to have been sighted at 4.15 p.m., on January 16, off Single Island.

A Chinese male, aged 57 years was sent to the G. C. H. on Tuesday night, having sustained severe injuries though falling off a tram near the Western Market.

Capt. H. C. Kiddle of the U.S. "Thranang" which has just arrived from Quinchen, reports that both the black buoys marking the channel over the bar at that port were missing on January 11.

Five cases of notifiable disease were reported yesterday. They were all Chinese cases, the diseases concerned being plague, small pox, diphtheria, enteric fever and cerebro spinal fever.

A special Cinematograph Display for Children has been arranged at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow, Friday, January 19th, at the Helena May Institute. Members of the Institute, their children and friends may attend. The charge for admission will be 40 cents.—Advt.

Leung King-mow was sentenced by Mr. Lindsell yesterday afternoon to six months' imprisonment for embezzling \$12,700 from his employers. He had spent about \$800, the balance having been recovered from him when arrested in Shanghai and from a deposit made in Hongkong.

News has reached Tientsin that two China-born boys, one the son of Mr. Duran Mackintosh of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and the other the son of Mr. H. R. Harston, late of Shanghai, had been arrested and secondarily, in the Royal Navy Ex- for Sub Lieutenants.

Det. Sergeant Ar Water Police yesterday, Tang-ko, a patient, bound for rounds without charge at the morning and two cases were remanded, bail being allowed in the sum of \$2,000.

The January Criminal Sessions opened in the Supreme Court this morning. Both the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) were occupied with the calendar which contained ten cases, two of robbery, five of possession of arms, two of robbery and one of manslaughter.

GUILD RAIDED.

A FRUITLESS SEARCH.

On Tuesday afternoon at about six o'clock Mr. T. H. King, D.S.P. and a posse of European and Chinese detectives raided the premises of the Wai-wang Labour and Commercial Guild at the top floors of No. 107-109, Canton Road, Yau-mat.

It was believed that a number of bad characters with evil designs had assembled there and a minute search was carried out on the premises. No arrests were made and nothing illegal was found.

TUESDAY NIGHT'S BARRAGE.

A PRAYA INCIDENT.

Friction with the police over the firing of crackers on Tuesday was not confined to the western district. On the central Praya, a European sergeant, when attempting to disperse a crowd, had been surrounded by a number of men about their crackers, found himself in such an awkward situation that he had to fire a couple of shots into the air with his revolver and blow his police whistle for help. Two Chinese detectives came to his assistance and drawing their revolvers, dispersed the crowd.

£2,000,000 SHIPPING DEAL.

CROWN'S BIG CLAIM AGAINST SHIPOWNER.

HONGKONG BUILT STEAMERS.

Yesterday's cables stated that Mr. Justice Hill, in the Admiralty Court, had given judgment for the plaintiffs in an action in respect of a shipping deal involving £2,000,000. Home papers which arrived by the last mail report that the Crown claimed possession under mortgages and deeds of covenant of four steam vessels—standard ships—which represented a shipping deal of £2,000,000 sterling between the Shipping Controller (now represented by the Board of Trade) and Mr. Nicolas Eustace Ambatielos, a Greek gentleman living in Paris. The four actions for recovery of possession related to the ships Ambatielos, Cephalonia, Panaghis, and Nicolie, and asked for judgment for arrears said to be due under the mortgages and covenants.

When the action was heard in mail week, Sir Ernest Pollock, K.C., Mr. Norman Rashburn, K.C., and Mr. Darby appeared for the Crown, (instructed by the Treasury Solicitor, Law Costs, branch); and Mr. Bateson, K.C., Mr. Jowett, K.C., and Mr. Langton for the defendants (instructed by Messrs. Wm. Crump and Sons).

All the cases, Sir Ernest Pollock explained, would follow the decision in the first case. The seven mortgage deeds were of date in November, 1920. The Board of Trade asked for a declaration of the sum due, and a reference. The defendant contracted to purchase these vessels from the Shipping Controller under an agreement of July 17, 1910. The Shipping Controller was to sell nine ships being built at Hongkong and Shanghai to Mr. Ambatielos for £2,275,000. In respect of a portion of the purchase money the Shipping Controller took a mortgage, and the deeds of covenant were entered into; the vessels were to be registered under the Greek flag. In December last the Shipping Controller, in default of appearance by the defendant, obtained an order for possession of three of the ships (not the last) on the ground, as alleged, of breach of covenant, including a failure to pay instalments due under the mortgage and non-payment of insurance premiums. It was on December 21st, 1921, that the Admiralty Court made an order pronouncing for the Crown and validity of the mortgages and deeds of covenant, and declaring the defendant in default and the plaintiff entitled to possession. After that the defendant applied to enter and have the judgment set aside and to enter appearance, application to set aside was refused.

At the trial of the action, the Crown undertakes that Mr. Ambatielos, if right, should not be in a worse position than if the order for possession had not been made. All further proceedings in suits for possession of the ships in a suit for possession by the defendant's brother, The Board of Trade had intervened in the other suits, and asked that the steamers should be released from arrest on the ground that they belonged to his Majesty; that was the state of things when the matter came before the court on January 26th, and by consent an order was made adjourning everything to the trial. The vessels were still under arrest in the suits for possession. The Board of Trade had now to prove its title to possession, and the court, by virtue of the defence put in and the many issues raised, had to decide whether the Crown was entitled to the order it had made for possession or not. Strictly speaking these proceedings ought to have originated by petition of right but they had agreed upon the procedure.

Mr. Bateson said there was a counter-claim, and his Lordship had to ascertain the real position of the parties on the whole.

Sir Ernest Pollock—But the proper procedure is by petition of right, and this must not be taken as a free-debt. Sir Ernest observed that from 1917 onward the Government adopted the plan of building a large number of standard ships, of B and E class, and so on, to replace the losses by submarines, and a large number of orders were placed, not only in the country, but abroad.

By his defence, Mr. Ambatielos denied that he was in default, and asserted that he had paid over £1,040,000 of the purchase price. He pleaded that, with one exception, the ships were not delivered on the contract dates, and that of two the Shipping Controller had retained possession altogether. He said he had suffered various losses as a result, and that on balance of accounts the Crown

ITALIAN NEWS.

Rome, January 9. Parliamentary Commission of Foreign Affairs has declared itself against Italian participation in the military occupation of the Ruhr basin, judging that such an action would strengthen the alliance between Germany, Russia and Turkey. On the other hand, after the failure of the Paris Conference, Italy could not check French action. Public opinion states that the situation is very serious, but hopes that all the questions will be settled in a friendly way.

The Holy See denies the news published in many newspapers, according to which the Vatican would take steps with the French Ambassador Jonart in order to persuade France to have patience. The Parliamentary Commission of Agriculture and Commerce has approved of the commercial agreement with Poland, the commercial treaty with Czechoslovakia, and the commercial agreement of the Washington Conference.

At the occasion of the Epiphany, the Pope has sent a million lire, to the cardinal Beltram Chitella Falghender in order to aid the destitute people of Central Europe. Meanwhile a steamer of the "Lloyd Triestino" with 60 tons of clothes on board has left for Russia, where the Holy See wishes to open a new post of relief.

The conferring on the hereditary prince, of the order of Malta, is considered very important for the relations between Italy and the Holy See. It is to be remembered that during the war that order of knighthood, of which Cardinal Biletti was president displayed a very patriotic activity which was very beneficial to the wounded of the war.

were indebted to him over £2,380,000, or, in alternative, in a sum which exceeded his indebtedness. If there was any, to the Government. The Board of Trade rejoined that Mr. Ambatielos had not suffered loss on their view of the case.

When counsel had begun their concluding speeches, it was decided to call Sir Ernest Glover, who used to be at the Ministry, and Sir Ernest spent a day giving evidence.

As the hearing came to an end, Mr. Norman Rashburn, K.C., said he could not conclude his final speech for the Crown without expressing the thanks of everybody, concerned to the judge for the extreme care and pains with which he had tried a case which contained little of real human interest. His Lordship had sat through it since the first week and into the third week and tried it with the utmost patience and care. On behalf of the Crown, he desired to thank his Lordship for his kindness.

Mr. Justice Hill.—It is my job, Mr. Rashburn. Mr. Rashburn.—That may be so my Lord but we have known these exceptional jobs performed as though the Court did not like them.

Towards the end, Mr. Langton observed that neither side, in this big transaction, made records which one might have expected them to make in the circumstances.

His Lordship.—And you find that a gentleman with very little experience chose to enter into these contracts without going to a lawyer—and copies of typed specifications were to be delivered only after completion.

Mr. Rashburn said it had to be understood that the Shipping Controller was not selling steamers under specifications. He was selling definite chattels, ships completed or to be completed, and the typed specification was to be handed over for information when the ship neared completion. The ship was to be only of a certain type: That was what the sentence in the contract meant which referred to all faults and errors of description. These standard ships were altered from day to day, or week to week, in order that available material might be used and so that the launch might not be delayed because a particular equipment was not for the time being available.

Mr. Rashburn's last word was that he asked for a declaration of the Crown's right to foreclose, as Sir Ernest Pollock requested "some weeks ago," and it had been decided as the least expensive and best way—to ask for an order for appraisal and sale of the ships at once, with leave to the Board of Trade to bid if so advised, with judgment under the mortgage for the amount due and a reference.

Mr. Justice Hill remarked that as to sale at once there seemed now to be a little indication of an improvement in value, and a little more enquiry for new ships. That made one think there might be a little rise in the market—but he did not know. At any rate, the expenses had been run up here, and were still going on. His Lordship reserved judgment, giving his finding on Tuesday, as reported in yesterday's cables.

ARMS CASES.

LAMP WICKS AS GAGS.

Pleading guilty to a charge of having unlawfully possessed arms at Yau-mat on December 10, Leung Wing was sentenced by Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Criminal Sessions to-day to five years' hard labour.

Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that when the accused was arrested in Shanghai Street, he put up some sort of a fight, and had to be pressed to the ground. A loaded revolver and two lamp wicks (evidently to be used as gags) were found in his girdle. There was no previous conviction recorded against the accused.

SAID HE WAS A SOLDIER.

Said to be a soldier in the Canton Army, Chan Ho-wing also pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of arms at Reclamation Street, Yau-mat, on December 10 last.

In this case Mr. Dyer Ball said accused was arrested with others at night and did not resist. He had a fully loaded revolver and 16 rounds of spare ammunition in his pocket. Accused claimed to be a soldier but was unable to verify his story.

He also was sentenced to five years' jail with hard labour.

"OAT" FOR ARMED-ROBBER.

Wong Chu was indicted for armed robbery by two or more persons on the Kowloon City Road on December 17.

He admitted taking some money from the complainant, but said that it was money owing to him. They had had a quarrel, he said, and words led to blows.

His Lordship recorded a plea of not guilty, and the following Jury was empanelled: Messrs. P. T. Farrell (foreman), Wong Min, B. W. Bradbury, A. L. Alves, R. M. Smith, E. Wilson and F. P. Shroff.

Mr. Dyer Ball said that the complainant Wau Pun was a rent collector. He had over \$400 on him at the time of the robbery. He had been to the first floor of House No. 68 on the Kowloon City Road to collect some money, and was coming down the backstairs when he was arrested by two men armed with revolvers who searched and robbed him. An oily liquid was rubbed on his face by one of the men, and then they ran away. Complainant gave chase and blew a police whistle.

A Chinese constable in plain clothes and a friend went after the robbers and the prisoner was caught after a long chase. After a long chase, going over the track taken by the fugitives during the chase, the captors picked up a revolver and a roll of banknotes. After hearing evidence, the Jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Guilty" and the prisoner was sentenced to 6 years' hard labour and 10 strokes of the "cat."

BOWEN-ROAD CAPTURE.

Ho Sing admitted possession of a loaded revolver without a licence on Bowen Road. He said that he did not know that a licence was required in Hongkong. His Lordship decided to accept the plea as one of guilty.

Mr. Dyer Ball said that a constable stopped and searched three men. Nothing was found on any of them. While the constable was searching another, he saw the prisoner put his hand under his coat. The constable immediately left the other man and covered the prisoner with his own revolver. There was a slight struggle, and placing his left hand under the prisoner's coat, the constable immediately felt a revolver in his girdle.

Replying to his Lordship, Mr. Dyer Ball said that there had been a lot of trouble on Bowen Road recently, and no fewer than eleven armed robberies within the last two months.

Sentence of five years' hard labour was passed.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

Lee Loy pleaded guilty to the unlawful possession of a dagger at Yau-mat on January 2, without a licence.

Mr. Dyer Ball said that there was nothing known against the prisoner, but he must say that a very desperate struggle was put up when the constable attempted to arrest him. Besides the dagger, prisoner also had two bamboo gags in his possession. It took two constables ten minutes to master the prisoner.

In passing sentence of five years' hard labour, His Lordship said that the weapon was a very formidable one, and it was quite obvious to anyone what the bamboo were meant for.

GUILD RAID SEQUEL.

Wong Chung was charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver and

THE GLOBETROTTERS.

"LACONIA" PARTY'S DOINGS.

The first item on the programme arranged for the "Laconia" visitors, was a visit to a Chinese restaurant at West Point last evening. During the afternoon large parties of the visitors thronged the shopping centre of the City, while many others invaded Chinatown. They returned with bamboo coolie hats, Chinese fiddles, flutes and other quaint articles of which they seemed quite proud. Some were wearing their bamboo hats, and this caused quite a crowd of Chinese to follow them.

To-day the visitors "did" the sight of the Island and the Mainland in four separate parties, and a fleet of motor cars was commandeered to take the tourists around. Lunch parties were arranged at both the Hongkong Hotel, and the Repulse Bay Hotel.

The round-the-world party includes many well-known American millionaires and prominent business men, many of whom are combining business with pleasure.

Amongst the visitors are Mr. Herbert Pratt, first vice-president of the Standard Oil Co. and his brother Frederick; Mr. Robert Ellis, a prominent film director and his wife, who is well-known as a screen star under the name of May Elision; Mr. R. G. Vignola, another leading American movie man who is connected with Paramount; Mr. C. W. Brown, president of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; Mr. H. W. Embury, America's biggest lumber man; Mr. F. W. Bascom, the largest steel rope manufacturer in the U.S.; and General H. L. Miner of the 28th American Division, who lost a leg in the war.

A party of five of the more adventurous members of the company headed by Mr. H. L. Ripley, the famous New York cartoonist, will make a visit to Canton to see for themselves what a Chinese war is really like.

FAR EAST OLYMPIAD.

\$950 RAISED ALREADY.

Yesterday the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation commenced its campaign to raise \$6,000 to cover the expenses of the 42 athletes who will be going from Hongkong to compete in the Far Eastern Olympiad at Osaka. Mr. Dome, the hon. secretary has received the following subscriptions:

Sir Robert Ho Tung	\$250.00
Mr. Wong Kam-ying	100.00
Mr. Tong Hok-ting	100.00
Sir Paul Chater	100.00
Shewan Thomas & Co.	100.00
Mr. Mok Koon-sang	50.00
Mr. Lam Woo	50.00
Mr. Ho Wing	50.00
Mr. Chan Harr	50.00
Messrs. Wing On Co.	50.00
Mr. Chan Sing-wong	25.00
Mr. Ma Wing-chun	25.00
Total	\$950.00

FOR REMEMBRANCE.

HONGKONG BANK'S WAR MEMORIAL.

In memory of the members of their office staff who lost their lives in the war the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation is to erect a beautifully executed bronze figure of "Fame" in Bank Gardens, adjoining Queen's Buildings. It will stand facing the harbour nearly opposite the new Statue Square Pier.

The memorial, which is the work of Mr. William Reynolds-Stephens, the London sculptor, was ordered two years ago but has only just arrived. Messrs. Palmer and Turner are in charge of its erection and it is hoped that it will be ready to be unveiled at the same time as the Cenotaph.

four rounds of ammunition at the Kowloon Teahouse Guild's premises, No. 5, Pakhoi Street, Yau-mat, on January 2.

He said that the revolver was found on a table and not on him. It was not his revolver. The detectives assaulted him, he said, and therefore he was compelled to plead guilty. His Lordship did not accept the plea, and the same Jury was again sworn. Mr. Dyer Ball said that at 9 p.m. on January 2, Chinese Sergeant Lau Yat and Inspector Murphy visited the guild premises. Prisoner was the only man in the room when the Chinese sergeant entered. He was standing on the platform where speeches were made from and when he saw the police he ran a rush for the stairs. Lau Yat seized him and they struggled. When they got to the side of a round table, Lau Yat heard the clatter of something falling on the table, and saw a revolver. He immediately picked it up. Then Inspector Murphy came in and helped him secure the prisoner. (Proceeding.)

CANTON CRISIS.

A COMPLEX SITUATION.

STREETS FULL OF SOLDIERS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, January 17. An - predicted yesterday, the Yunnan Kwangsi troops arrived in Canton to day. They came in batches some travelling direct from Samsui by the Kwong-Sam Railway while others who had deviated northwards during the fall before the capitulation of Samsui, arrived by the Yuh-Han Railway. Although ill kept and badly uniformed, the invaders showed good discipline and were quite orderly, a fact for which the Canton community is thankful.

Prior to General Chen's departure, he issued a proclamation announcing his resignation as Commander-in-Chief, entrusting the guardianship of the city to General Li Bing-wing and the river defense to Wen Shu-tak, commander of the Northern Cruiser Squadron.

The situation at present is most complex. Li Bing-wing's troops are in various parts of Canton. There are Cantonese, previously owing allegiance to Chen Chung-ming and now endeavoring to co-operate with Dr. Sun's representatives. Then there are other Cantonese soldiers, who at one time showed disloyalty to Chen and paved the way to his overthrow. A small portion went their own way after Li Kuei retired from Samsui but the main body returned to Canton, entering before the Yunnan Kwangsi soldiers and declaring themselves to be the "anti-rebel troops," appointed by order of the Great President. Added to these are the invaders, who are now quartered in the barracks at the White Cloud Mountains overlooking the city and at Hoonan across the river.

The streets have the same appearance as when Chen's soldiers ousted Dr. Sun and took possession of the city. Troops are in all the main thoroughfares, streets are barricaded with temporary gates and shops closed for protection. The difference between then and now is that only "Yuet Kwang" (Cantonese soldiers) were present then but this time there are several factions. Also, the Cantonese troops indulged in outrages and excesses, while up to the present, both the garrison and newly-arrived troops are orderly.

NOBODY IN CHARGE.

As regards personal control nobody has yet come forward claiming the Civil Government. Commander-in-Chief or both, although various names have been prominently mentioned: Chow Lou-an, ex-act commission r, is already here and claims control of the military for Dr. Sun. The Cantonese troops fly Hsu Shung-chi's banner. They propose asking Dr. Sun's principal military adherent to return immediately from Peking and assume command of the army. While the invaders were at Samsui, a message was sent to them asking them to remain there but this has not been complied with, the main body having already entered Canton as stated, while another army comprising a detachment of Kwangsi troops has gone to the North River. Ngai Hong-ping has been suggested as temporary governor till definite arrangements are made when he will revert to the command of the police and gendarmes but he has made no pronouncement as yet.

NAVAL FORCES NEUTRAL.

The Navy and River Defence, Flotilla declared their independence, meaning neutrality, as soon as Chen left and Wen Shu-tak, the commander has promised to co-operate in keeping order. It is reported that Chou Chak, Dr. Sun's naval lieutenant, is already in Canton and has regained possession of the River. Flotilla Commander Chen Chien-man, an aviator and ex-Director of the Arsenal has returned to Arsenal at Shek Cheng and has assumed control as Wong Keung, Chen's nominee has also fled.

A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR.

The Yamen and municipal offices are empty and barred. Some of the shops, including the native bankers have re-opened their doors, but the civil population's precautions have not been relaxed, streets still being barred at night and fire brigades kept on duty. The Merchants' Volunteer Corps is still maintaining its patrols. A significant factor about Chen's flight is the sudden appreciation of the Provincial Banknotes. The \$10 and \$5 denominations are quoted by the bankers at 32/35% buyers and 37/40% sellers. The \$1

RECORD OPIUM SEIZURE.

ESTIMATED AT SIX TONS.

Inspector Bloor, stationed at Cheung Chau Island effected yesterday what must be a record seizure of illicit opium. The dope was found in a vessel, outside Capesum, presumably on information received. As yet, the details of this capture have not been obtained, as this morning the Police were still busy bringing it in. It is estimated that the opium weighs six tons, mostly raw opium.

"PROPS" ON FIRE.

PREMATURE BATTLE SCENE BLAZE.

Yesterday afternoon a small explosion took place in Des Vaux Road West, near the Macao steamers' wharf. A large trunk, with many others, belonging to the Tai Chung Wah Chinese theatrical troupe was being carried along to the Ko Shing Theatre for the opening performance. An Indian constable noticed smoke issuing from it but it could not be opened as the keys were not there.

Smoke and a smell of sulphur continued to be emitted until the contents were well-ashayed. Then the explosion occurred and was followed by flames shooting skywards, not unlike rockets. A big crowd had gathered by this time and water was poured on the charred remains of the trunk. On examination, nothing suspicious was found inside.

Theatrical properties including some inflammable stuff used for giving effect to battle scenes, had been accidentally ignited.

WEST RIVER TRADE.

STEAMERS RUN AGAIN.

A number of ships on the Hong-kong-West River Wuchow run that have been in enforced inactivity for some days are returning to their previous schedules. Last night only a few left, but the normal number will be in operation this week unless trouble breaks out again.

High prices for shawdow and poultry have been ruling since the trouble started, as Hongkong is dependent to a large extent on Wuchow for supplies. However, with the ships running again, normal shipments of cattle, poultry and firewood can be expected.

Exporters of flour, rice, yarn, hardware etc. to Kwangsi were resigning themselves to carrying bargains till after China-New Year. But as the danger to ships has apparently been removed, they hope to carry on as usual.

The "Titania's" jazz quartette will play at the Palace Hotel on Saturday night when there will be dancing from 9 o'clock.

The "Laconia's" English orchestra is to play to-night at the Star Theatre where "Foolish Wives" is being screened. During the interval Mr. Hilton Cullerne will play "Vie de Boheme" (Haydn Wood) as a violin solo.

values are worth between 30/35%, while the highest denominations of \$50 and \$100 are slightly lower. It should be stated here that the money-changers in the old city have temporarily suspended operations and only the bankers in the western district are transacting business.

PAYING THE TROOPS.

General Li Bing-wing, Wen Shu-tak, Mayor Ng Fay and a number of influential leaders met at the Oi Yuh Charitable Institution on Tuesday to discuss means to raise revenue for the troops pay. General Li stated that he must have funds to pay all the troops if he was to be held responsible for maintaining order. An influential citizen suggested that the Government raise as much as possible before turning to the community for money.

Members of the Kuomintang (Dr. Sun's party) suggest proposing to the Yunnan and Kwangsi troops that in return for their service to the province, Kwangtung will support them to overcome their native provinces, the probably hinting that they should divert their efforts to Kwangtung and Yunnan. Others wish to see Wu Han-min (Tatoh after the Revolution in 1911) appointed Civil Governor and Li Lieh-chai as Commander-in-Chief so that provincial affairs may be straightened before Dr. Sun is asked to return.

HONGKONG CONSTRUCTION.

COMPANY'S FIRST MEETING.

The first statutory meeting of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Ltd. was held at 11 o'clock this morning. In the absence of Sir Paul Chater, Mr. R. G. Shewan presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. C. Montague Eden and the Rev. Father H. Souvey (Director) Mr. J. H. Taggart (Managing Director), Mr. W. J. Hawker (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. L. Gain, E. W. Alderson and F. J. Easterbrook.

The Chairman said: "Gentlemen, This is the statutory meeting of shareholders held in accordance with the requirements of Section 66 of the Companies Ordinance. On the table is a list showing the names, descriptions and addresses of the members of the Company, and the number of shares held by them respectively, and this list is open and accessible to any shareholder during the continuance of this meeting."

The statutory report was sent out to shareholders on the 7th instant, and contains the information required by the Ordinance. Copies of this report are in your hands, and from it you will be able to see what has been received and disbursed in the short time that has elapsed since the Company was authorized to commence business on the 18th October last. The accounts for the purpose of this statutory report having been closed on the 31st December 1922. You will notice that \$386,142.50 was returned to applicants in respect of deposits on shares in excess of the number offered for public subscription. No applicant had to have returned by the Company the full amount of the deposit money paid to our bankers, as a certain number of shares were allotted to every person who applied. We have already a fair amount of work in hand and good prospects for securing further contracts of a satisfactory nature.

"There is, I think, nothing further that I can usefully say at this time, but if any shareholder present desires information on any matter relating to the formation of the Company, or arising out of the statutory report, I shall be pleased to give it to the best of my ability."

There were no questions and that concluded the business of the meeting.

A FORGED "CHOP."

CRIMINAL COURT PROSECUTION.

Before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies, K.C.) at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Un Tai pleaded not guilty to charges of (1) forging on December 21, 1922, a wrapper purporting to have been issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, certifying that duty had been paid on a quantity of cigarettes of the "Hundred Sparrows" brand; (2) uttering the said forged wrapper; and (3) possession of a forged seal or die.

The following Jury was empanelled. Messrs. B. Montagu Webb, G. Woudenberg, F. A. Chappin, C. Kew, Neil Drummond, E. W. Major and A. C. Johnston.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, prosecuted for the Crown, and Mr. Esley Zetlyn defended the accused. Mr. Holmes said that the duty-paid "chop"—a monogram "H.K."—was issued by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports by arrangement with the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., manufacturers of the "Hundred Sparrows" brand to be affixed on packets of cigarettes on which duty had been paid. The "chop" alleged to have been used by the accused was a forgery of the genuine "chop."

Continuing, Mr. Holmes said that the accused had a stall in the side door of No. 16, Des Vaux Road West. About 10 a.m. on December 21 last two Chinese revenue officers went to the stall to buy some cigarettes. Accused was at the stall. Behind him an overcoat was spread out and behind the overcoat a foil was squatted. One of the R.O.s asked for a packet of "Hundred Sparrows" cigarettes. Accused gave him one on which the mark "H.K." was still wet. He questioned the accused; and then the men behind the overcoat left a seal and an ink pad on the counter and walked away. The R.O. seized them and sent his friend to telephone to the office. Then G.P.O. Clarke and two other officers came and seized all the packets of the "Hundred Sparrows" on the stall, and arrested the defendant. The case is proceeding.

"SUI AN" PIRACY.

A MACAO ARREST.

Rumours have been spread from time to time regarding arrests of some of the gang of pirates who seized the "Sui An" about two months ago.

On Tuesday, the Macao authorities arrested a Chinese named Hui Siu-ye, who is alleged to have taken part in the piracy. He was arrested in Macao on the strength of information given by people with whom he had fallen out over some gambling argument.

He was taken to the Central Police Station and an identification parade was held yesterday afternoon under the supervision of Mr. C. G. Perdue, Director of Criminal Intelligence. Paraded with a number of men of about the same appearance and dressed alike, he was not identified by any of the passengers called up, these including Inspector Kent.

In view of the failure to point him out, it is improbable that the man will be charged.

"DISRAELI."

AT THE CORONET.

"You and I," said Disraeli once to a competitor, "belong to a race which can do everything but fail." How brilliant was the success which the distinguished Jew himself achieved is revealed in the film "Disraeli," based on his life story, which is being shown at the Coronet all this week.

Many scenes in what is undoubtedly a very fine picture deal with the well-known devotion of Mrs. Disraeli for her husband, and evidence that these have not by any means been overdone is furnished in this passage from Lady Battersea's just published reminiscences: "I remember, Mrs. Disraeli telling my mother how she sat up for her husband, however late might be his return from the House, how she lighted up the rooms to receive him and invariably gave him a hot supper." In the film Mr. and Mrs. George Arliss sustain the roles of the great Prime Minister and his wife with rare ability and understanding of the characters they set out to portray.

FOOTBALL.

CLUB v. KOWLOON.

The following team will represent the Club in their Shield game with Kowloon on Saturday at 4 p.m. on Sookumpoo: A. Grounds—Angus, Gerrard, Bishop, Raiton, Stewart, Donovan, McPhail (Capt.), Forsyth, Begg, Valentine and England.

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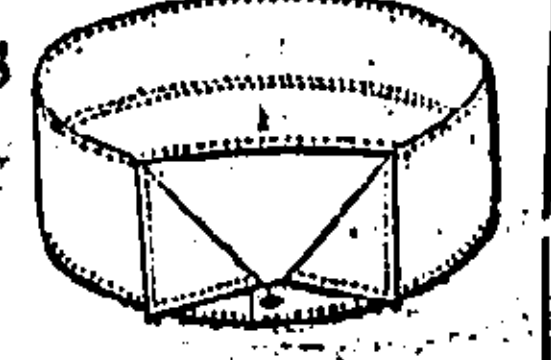
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King's (Liverpool) Regiment at
Hongkong from major in the Wilt-
shire Regiment rather curiously, says
a writer in a Home paper, was origi-
nally gazetted to the King's Regiment
in the first week of 1899, but did not
join it, getting a transfer to the Wilt-
shire Regiment a couple of weeks
later. As he did not join the active
service battalion of the Wilts he did
not take part in the South African
War.

He was promoted captain in 1905,
and major in February, 1915, which
was his substantive rank up till last
week. He went to France in August,
1914, was in the fighting of the
earlier phases of the struggle, com-
manded the 1st Battalion during the
summer of 1916, and commanded the
2nd Battalion East Yorkshire
Regiment two periods in 1916 and in
1917-18. In addition to his regimental
service, he also served on the staff in
France, and Belgium as a
staff captain of the 1st Infantry
Brigade, brigade-major of the same
Brigade; went to Salonika as a
brigadier general of the 7th Infantry
Brigade, was brigadier of the 16th In-
fantry and of the 26th Infantry
Brigade in the Egyptian Expedition,
and in the latter part of his service
saw work in Macedonia, Serbia,
Bulgaria, Turkey and in the Islands of
the Aegean Sea. He was mentioned
in despatches six times, decorated
with the Legion of Honour, the Order
of the Redeemer, the C.M.G., D.S.O.,
1914 Star with clasp, the British War
Medal and the British Victory Medal.

MACAO BOMB OUTRAGE.

NEAR STEAMER WHARF.

Bomb outrages are becoming quite
common in Macao nowadays. When
the "Sui Tai" barge alongside the
wharf there on Tuesday evening, an
explosion was heard in the neighbour-
hood. Enquiries showed that a bomb
had exploded at the Kong Nam
Hotel. Nobody was injured but the
hotel was shaken and damaged con-
siderably, most of the wind-blown
been blown out. The object of the
bomb has not been ascertained.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW.

Seventeen entries have been
received for the annual tournament
for the billiards championship of the
Colony, held under the auspices of the
Victoria Recreation Club, and it has
been decided to commence play on
January 29.
Yesterday evening the draw
took place at the Club
with the following results:
In the first round Mr. M. R. Beltrac
meets Mr. L. A. Osmund and the
Hon. Mr. Claud Seven meets Mr. C.
Earnshaw. The following competitors
have drawn byes: Messrs. P. R.
Silva, A. Tse, A. J. Osmund, Ho Shai
Cheng, A. Rozario, E. Luz, J.
Ribeiro, J. Wicheil, C. Tsang, R.
Earnshaw, E. Barros Major Wright
and P. Leung.
The winner of the tourney will meet
A. Yvanovich (holder) for the
championship title.

MUI TSAI BILL.

LABOUR MEETING
TO-MORROW.

SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT.

The Wah Kung Tsung Wui and the
Kung Tuen Tsung Wui, two general
labour associations, are jointly con-
vening a meeting of the labouring
classes at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-
morrow to pass a resolution prom-
ising support for the Government
regarding the Mui tsi Bill.
Hitherto these two associations
have held different views and this co-
operation may be interpreted as a
sign that the working classes, or their
representatives, wish to see the Bill
pass. Judging from the opinions
expressed so far, it seems that the
mercantile class of the Chinese com-
munity is opposed to the Bill and the
labouring class in favour of it.

WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

SHANGHAI CLAIM SUCCEEDS.

The case of *James W. Foster v.
The Szechuan Mercury*, was con-
sidered at Shanghai on January 12 in
H.B.M.'s Supreme Court before the
Honourable Sir Skene Turner. Mr. M.
Roder Harris appeared for plaintiff
and Mr. E. N. Macleod for the de-
fendant.
The following gentlemen composed
the jury:—Messrs. J. A. Miller, G.
Grayridge, R. B. Moorehead, G.W.M.
Snow and H. L. Povey.

Concluding his summing up, his
Lordship said he had very little more
to say to the jury in regard to the
case. What he would do, however,
was to divide the aspects of the pro-
ceedings into four phases, namely:—
First, was the plaintiff in this work
on the defendant's behalf?
Secondly, did he break his agree-
ment in taking outside work without
consent of the Managing Director?
Thirdly, did he make an attack on
the Managing Director in an endeavour
to subvert his authority in the Com-
pany and undermine the relationship
between himself and his co-directors,
and
Fourth, by going away on a holiday
without the knowledge of the Man-
aging Director or that of the Editor, was
summary dismissal justified?

The jury then retired for the pur-
pose of deliberation upon the case and
eventually found for plaintiff in the
sum of \$1,500 with costs.

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THE FILMS

PROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

Coronet Theatre.—George Arliss in "Disraeli."
Kowloon Theatre.—Mabel Norman in "The Floor Below" and Harold Lloyd in "High and Dizzy."
World Theatre.—William Frawley in "The Joyous Troubadour."
Star Theatre.—Eric Von Stroheim in "Foolish Wives."

THE ART OF THE FILM.

WHY IT IS CALLED THE "SILENT DRAMA."

The easy technique of the art of the film, which works with mechanical things, forms the subject of one of the best chapters in Mr. Thomas Burke's new book "The London Boy." He is visiting a studio in north London, and the people that emerge the least

vividly among the huge personnel that help to make a successful picture are the artists themselves.

A film "star" plays to the producer and the machine. His world is a shadow show played in a box under white lights and inspiration may not enter that box, according to this writer. "There is no excitement in minutes. An exhibitor can become a carrying the girl from the burning house. No acting, no personal interest are required for these 'stunt' merchants. You have only to perform the deed in the right clothes and you are finished."

The actual acting is tamer than a borough council meeting. "The only persistent noise was the hiss of the arc lamps. Through that came, perfunctory the voice of the producer. We'll just have that over again, Miss Gwyn." He entered the "set" and demonstrated, and, while this private dancing lesson was in progress, the rest of the company and workers gazed about them and brooded.

No wonder they call it the "silent drama."

THE ART OF EXTERNALS.
Everything in the studio was genuine. In the film world (writes the author) they have no time for the creation of atmosphere by illusion. The great drama may be per-

formed on a blank stage with a backdrop, but the novelette of film cannot exist without wild changes of time and place and the tramping of exclamation marks. Not the fine suggestion of realism, but the raw picture of reality, is all it can achieve. The oak paneling of the drawing room set was not carved cardboard; it was oak paneling bought at great expense. The fireplace was brick. The books in the bookcases were real books. The jewels were real jewels. The furs, the gold tapestry, the Keellors and Lelys were the real thing hired at great expense.

The cinema is a democratic institution and we see the democratic spirit alive in the studio. One reads that all the workers trooped upstairs together to the restaurant for lunch—producer, principals, electricians, carpenters, clerks, and there was no line of demarcation. The junior electrician sat next to the "star," and the commissionaire next to the producer.

THE PARTING OF THE WAYS.

The same wide gulf still exists between an art that is supposed to be but a photographed version of real drama and drama itself, but there are signs that the cinema is breaking new ground. In the "Daily News" critic's judgment of a recent French film, "The Jade Casket," he refers to the fact that the story is told in a vein of sardonic humour instead of obviously. This is something entirely new—not the 'raw picture of reality'—something Hollywood appears not even yet to have thought of.

IF I EVER QUIT THE SCREEN.

(BY WANDA HAWLEY.)

I suppose I am feminine, maybe too feminine for business. I know that if I ever quit the screen, the thing I would turn to would be my home. Now I am happily married and am perfectly at ease with the world. My first love and my affections, however, are for my home, with the screen coming second.

Maybe, just to prove to myself that I could act on the stage, I would follow the footlights for a while should I leave the screen. But that would only be for a short time. Just long enough, in fact, to prove that I could do what I have never done, dramatic stage acting.

Possibly, not probably, I might return again to concert singing and piano playing. I did both of these before I entered motion pictures. Friends tell me I was on the road to success as a concert artist. I do not know. But I am more partial to such a career, though I love to sing and play at home.

But as I said before, my interests are bound by the four walls of my home, my heart is with my husband and the home and husband are my first, second and last choice. In addition, I expect some day to be interested in charities. I love to give to the needy. I have learned that giving brings me more pleasure than to receive. So when the time comes that I return wholly to my home, I shall do a great deal of charity work in my spare moments.

"THE IDLE CLASS."

CHAPLIN'S DUAL ROLE.

Most people will agree that life is too serious—life's laughs are too far apart. Persons will tell you that there is a superabundance of gloom, what with this, that and the other

thing. But now along comes a perfect antidote, supplied by a celebrated young doctor of just such conditions by the name of Charles Chaplin in a tonic called "The Idle Class," his latest prescription, which is in a two real dose. It is a sure cure. The laughs are crowded into philanthropic and make money at it by giving these laughs to his community.

As usual, Chaplin wrote the book and lyrics of this farce and also performed the direction as well as the leading role, which in this instance is a dual one. It seems to be prevalent that prominent stars play two parts in one picture, so not to be outdone Chaplin characterizes two men of the "idle class," a member of "society" and a tramp. In neither is he funnier than the other. And funny he is in both goes without saying. In fact, his performance is his usual high-art in low comedy.

"The Idle Class" (which is to be shown at the Coronet next week) as a whole is exuberantly humorous so it is hardly necessary to pick it to pieces and detail the good points scene by scene. It is full of Chaplinisms. What more can be said? But it may be said that the most hilarious moments are during the long golf game incident. And it should be recorded that there is not the slightest tinge of vulgarity to any part of the picture. Edna Purviance and Mack Swain lend the star able support.

MY FIRST PICTURE.

(BY DOROTHY DALTON.)

One day, while I was playing in Keith vaudeville, I had an afternoon off and went to the movies. A noted feminine star was appearing on the screen. I watched her critically and then said, "I can do that—and I'm going to."

I had heard that Thomas H. Ince, in Culver City, California, was one of the most prominent film producers. I sent him a telegram that I was coming out and wanted a trial in the movies. He wired back immediately, "Don't come. Impossible to place you in pictures." But I never got the telegram, because I was already on my way to California.

When I arrived in Culver City, Mr. Ince was considerably agitated. "I told you not to come," he said. "There is nothing here for you. I have already cast my pictures for months ahead." I was somewhat discouraged, but stayed around and reported at the studio every morning on a chance there might be some work.

Finally, my luck changed. An actress suddenly found that she was unable to play her part in an Ince picture called "The Disciple." Mr. Ince had to find somebody else at a moment's notice, and I was the only one immediately available. He decided taking a chance on a person who was without screen experience as the role was a fairly important one, but he had to. I made good, and was given an extended engagement at the Ince studio. Finally reaching stardom in "The Flame of the Yukon."

ERIC VON STROHEIM.

HIS NEXT PICTURE.

A few weeks ago the Goldwyn Pictures Corporation announced that it had signed a long term contract with the universally known Eric von Stroheim who is being seen at the Star Theatre this week in "Foolish Wives." He is not only to direct Goldwyn pictures of great magnitude but also to portray important roles in some of them. Ever since then the motion picture public has been very curious to know what his first picture would be.

Until now Mr. Von Stroheim, who is not only a famous director, but also a renowned actor, has been identified

with pictures which dealt mainly with foreign people or with foreign settings (speaking of course, from the American point of view). The public will, therefore, be surprised to hear that the story chosen by Goldwyn is by an American author, and that it deals with the life of an American in a purely American setting. It is Frank Norris' "McTeague," the story of a miner whose ambition to become a dentist is finally gratified, and the account of his life is portrayed by the author in the realistic manner of the French writer, Emile Zola.

MY BIGGEST THRILL.

(BY PHILIP ROSEN, PARAMOUNT DIRECTOR.)

The greatest thrill that I have ever experienced, I believe, was back in the old days when I was a projector operator in the theatre.

In the earlier projection machines, there was no reel to receive the film after it had passed through the projector, and it fell loosely into a large hamper beneath the machine. Neither was there any shutter to project the film from the intense heat of the strong light which reflected it to the screen.

It was one New Year's eve, and the house was full of a late show. About two-thirds of the reel had passed through the projector and I was lying loose in the box below. The film is very explosive and I realized that if the fire got down to the loose stuff in the box there would be an explosion which would not only possibly mark my finish, but cause a disastrous fire and a panic meaning the loss of many lives.

My first impulse was to blow the fire out, and although such a thing now seems impossible, I succeeded in blowing it out before it spread along the film. This was almost a miracle and happily a disaster was averted, but I got the scare of my life.



The cast of "Flower of the North" to be shown in Hongkong next week.

FILM REALISM.

TREES TRANSPLANTED TO MAKE "SHERWOOD FOREST."

The screen settings of Mr. Douglas Fairbanks' "Robin Hood" film which opened at the London Pavilion in December are on a scale far outstripping the ordinary cinema spectacle.

The royal castle is a massive pile, surrounded by a moat, covering an area of 4½ acres, with battlements, donjon, and all the architectural

features of a mediaeval fortress with towers which rise 310ft. above the base. Constructed of large blocks of cement, it has the grey, weathered look of antiquity. The interior is laid out on the same scale and the floor is composed of large concrete varicoloured blocks of mediaeval pattern.

The "Sherwood Forest" setting is equally remarkable. Mr. Fairbanks wanted a forest that not only looked real, but that was real. For that purpose an army of workers brought giant trees to the Pickford Fairbanks studios. The caves, in which the outlaws held their councils, were formed by dynamiting when necessary the hollows then being planted out with trees and bushes.

New DeMille Picture Breaks Away From Sex



MONTIE BLUE AND GLORIA SWANSON

The series of satires on marriage which have become associated with the name of Cecil P. DeMille has been broken by his new super-production released this month, "Something to Think About," he calls it. It is described as a comedy drama of human folk, full of smiles and tears and ideas that make you reflect on the genuine things in life. Gloria Swanson and Monte Blue play the leading parts in this photoplay by Jennie Acland-Holmes.

A STIRRING PICTURE.

"FLOWER OF THE NORTH."

James Oliver Curwood stories are considered among the best for picturization. Perhaps the greatest of the Curwood novels is "Flower of the North," which will be shown at the Coronet next week. David Smith has directed some of the biggest productions, one of which was a Curwood story, "The Courage of Marge O'Donnell." In this picture, Pauline Starke made a hit as the heroine. These two are factors of "Flower of the North." Chief among the added points of appeal is Henry B. Walthall. This distinguished actor whose fame goes back to "The Birth of a Nation" days, is flawlessly cast and gives a masterly interpretation of a difficult role—that of a man virile enough to battle and win against powerful foes and yet with his personality softened by the love of a woman whom he meets in the great trackless spaces of the Northwest. Some members of the supporting cast who have wide followings are Emmett King, Walter Rodger, Harry Northrup, Joe Rickson, Jack Curtis and Vincent Howard. The deftness of the cast is something that has been remarked upon by all who have seen the film. Even a bit, the portrayal of the heroine's mother, is actually played by the mother of Pauline Starke. This is a brief, fade-out in the picture is the natural resemblance between mother and daughter is so pronounced that it provides a convincing touch to the passage.

James Oliver Curwood's stories are peculiarly adapted to picturization. In his tales of the land "north of 33" there is always a superabundance of red-blooded excitement and clean open air action. "Flower of the North," according to the critics who have read it, probably crowns Curwood's achievement, at least in so far as picturization is concerned. It tells of a young American whose company is breaking the trail of progress through the great woods of the north. Curiously enough, the opposition to him comes not so much from the force of barbarism as from the underhand manipulations of a group of greedy financiers. They let loose on him a gang of ruffians who stop at nothing to attain their end of ruining him. In the midst of this turmoil and struggle he meets Jeanne D'Arcambal, a descendant of the old cavaliers of France. Her fortunes and his become inextricably interwoven. In the end it is her courage as much as his, which saves them both.

David Smith, the director of this super-feature, has outdone himself in this production. There is no more successful director of specials in the country than David Smith, who put on the famous "Black Beauty" and a dozen other specials in fact as well as in name. Mr. Smith spent weeks before a camera crank was turned on the sequences of "Flower of the North" to locate spaces which are a thrill to the eye. One of these scenes is shown in the very opening shot of the picture. The American's rescue of Jeanne from the swirling rapids of a mountain torrent, the masquerade at D'Arcambal house, the attacks of Blake's confederates on the construction camp, and the night ride of the tribe of Creek-Indians to avenge the wrongs of the white men who are only a few of the great moments in a great picture.



Charlie Chaplin plays these two roles in "The Idle Class" which comes to the Coronet next week.

FILM ILLUSIONS.

PICTURES SPOILED BY "CLOSE-UPS."

Mr. Cecil Hepworth who made the remarkable film record "Through Three Reigns" covering a period of 30 years, which was shown recently to the King and Queen at Balmoral, is a British pioneer producer of unusual ability.

The picture business is with him less a profession than a passion, and any remarks of his on the subject of motion-picture production deserve attention.

"One of the great troubles with moving pictures to-day," he writes, "is their gradual divorce from reality. Pictures depend for their value upon the strength of the illusion

they create.

"People go to the pictures, broadly speaking, in order that they may forget, for the moment, their own comparatively drab existences and live in imagination the more interesting lives of the characters in the pictures. Everything which tends to break or mar the illusion, to bring them back to earth, is, therefore, bad, and to be avoided.

"The aim of every good producer is to build up gradually, on the one foundation of reality and experience, and towering structure of beauty, interest, and entertainment, peopled with human creatures, living such lives as real people live.

"Too much grease-paint. "In telling a story whether by pictures or any other medium, the most important consideration is that it should keep moving. The story must proceed steadily to its proper conclusion without a drag or a halt anywhere. The bad producers and film editors mistake physical movement of characters rapidly, of change, and so on, for movement of story, which is a totally different thing.

"It often happens that the story moves most steadily, certainly, and thrillingly, when the characters are absolutely motionless, while in other cases it may halt entirely, although the screen is a bewildering mass of hurrying figures.

"The frequent use of unnecessary 'close ups' is greatly to be deprecated. They look very realistic, but they are terribly disruptive in their effect, and break continuity more than any other device.



Some studies in facial expression by Mr. George Arliss.



Czar Nicholas

A secret Paris meeting of the survivors of the Czarist régime elected Grand Duke Nicholas, former Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Army, to the throne of the late Czar, Nicholas. This group of Russian nobles, known as the Council of Russian Monarchists, are all that are left of the movement for restoring Czarism in Russia.



Cardinal Maffi

The cordial attitude of Premier Benito Mussolini, Fascist leader, toward the Vatican, has led to the report that Mussolini will urge pro-King Victor Emmanuel to appoint two Papal Cardinals to the Italian Senate. Cardinal Maffi, Archbishop of Pisa, is one of the Cardinals mentioned. Permission from the Pope is necessary.



Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, New York multi-millionaire, is acting as his own lawyer in fighting the alimony award to his wife, Mrs. Helen Elwood Stokes, whom he sued, unsuccessfully for divorce.

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Mrs. Fanny Killoglou

The aviation-sports hat was introduced into America by Mrs. Fanny Killoglou, of Paris, who is making a short visit to New York.



Barbara Tough

Barbara Tough, Mrs. E. W. Hall's confidential maid, has been forced to appear before the New Brunswick (N. J.) Grand Jury that is investigating the murder of Rev. E. W. Hall and his "wonder heart" choir leader, Mrs. Eleanor Mills.



Georgette La Motte

Georgette La Motte, an American Indian girl, though only fifteen years old, has made a sensation in Paris by her piano playing.



King George of Greece

King George, succeeded to the Greek throne on the forced abdication of his father, King Constantine, who died last week.



Red Baron and Miss Alice House

Noted American baseball player and his prospective bride.



First public appearance of Premier Nikolai Lenin following his serious illness. He is shown with his deputies and department heads. Lenin is marked "1" while President Kalinov is figure "2."



Mlle. Marie Louise de Blois

Mlle. Marie Louise de Blois is in Boston, organizing a feminine Ku Klux Klan to wreak vengeance upon men who trifle with the affections of the fair sex.



F. S. Colburn and Miss Myra Colburn

Mr. F. S. Colburn, with his daughter, Myra, is going to South Africa to hunt big game.



Dr. von Knilling

Dr. von Knilling, former Bavaria's Minister of Public Worship and Instruction, has been elected Prime Minister.



Miss Constant Currie

Miss Constant Currie, first foreign woman to be appointed on a Minnesota Grand Jury.



Rafet Pasha

Rafet Pasha, appointed by Mustafa Kemal Pasha as the new Governor of Constantinople.



Mr. Martin Burrell

Mr. Martin Burrell, Librarian of the Canadian Parliament, was a recent caller on President Harding.

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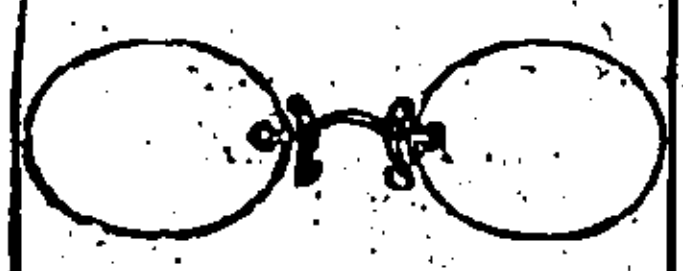
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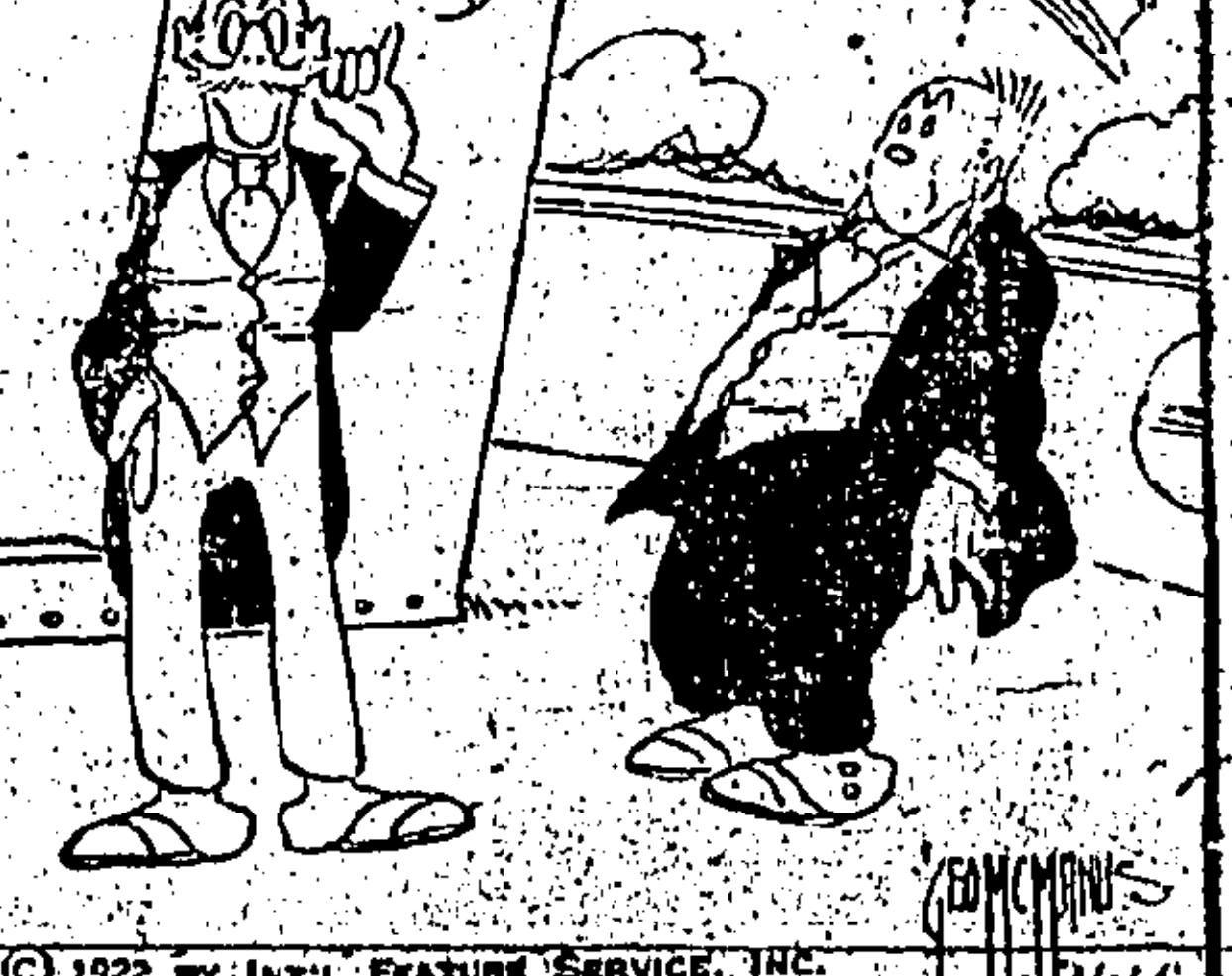
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THE DISH - PANS!


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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
ANOTHER GERMAN DEFAULT.

PARIS, January 16th.
A semi-official statement says that as the result of Germany's latest default the French and Belgian Governments have decided to collect immediately, on account of the Allies, the coal tax hitherto imposed by the German Government. Italy associates herself with this decision.

PARIS, January 16th.
A German press telegram from Düsseldorf, describing the meeting of the French military commanders and the German industrial leaders says that, though the latter were informed that they were liable to original prosecution if they persisted in their defiant attitude, they all declared that they must maintain their present standpoint.

PARIS, January 16th.
Under the requisitions, the first train load of coal was dispatched today. It is understood that it was originally intended for Bavaria, but was diverted to the West.

RUBBER CONTROL.

LONDON, January 16th.
The Colonial Secretary has informed the Governments of Ceylon and Malaya that it is not desirable to modify the present code of export allowances, as laid down in Appendix A, of the Rubber Export, and suggested that, if necessary, a fuller statement should be furnished regarding the recommendations, particularly those relating to the position of small holdings. He also informed Ceylon that it is at present inadvisable to exclude rubber from the provisions of export restriction legislation.

CALCUTTA DOCK STRIKE ENDED.

CALCUTTA, January 16th.
The dock strike of stevedores and coolies, reported in a cable message dated January 14th, has ended.

LITHUANIAN DISTURBANCE.

BERLIN, January 16th.
Reports from Mamel state that the Lithuanians have proclaimed martial law. Further Allied warnings are expected.



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Jan. 25.—E. A. Blatow.

FROM MOY.
Jan. 20.—J.C.J.L. Tjmanoe.

FROM DALNY.
Feb. 4.—J.C.J.L. Tjmanoe.

FROM MANILA.
Jan. 26.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
Feb. 12.—U.S.S.B. Dowey.

FROM SAIGON.
Jan. 19.—N.A.A.L. Teneriffa.

FROM BOMBAY.
Jan. 30.—N.Y.K. Takaka Maru.

FROM JAVA.
Jan. 18.—J.C.J.L. Tjmanoe.
20.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
21.—P.M. Pres. Cleveland.
22.—J.C.J.L. Tjmanoe.

FROM SINGAPORE.
Jan. 20.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
Feb. 12.—U.S.S.B. Dowey.

FROM CALCUTTA.
Feb. 2.—E. L. Torilly.

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
Feb. 5.—E. A. Blatow.
12.—A. O. Taiyuan.

FROM PORTLAND.
Jan. 31.—Col. P. S. Pawlak.
Feb. 1.—Col. P. S. Pawlak.
5.—Col. P. S. Pawlak.

FROM NEWYORK.
Feb. 4.—D. F. Teleschows.

FROM VANCOUVER.
Jan. 19.—C.P.S. Empress of Russia.
21.—D.F. Teleschows.
22.—N.Y.K. Takaka Maru.
Feb. 15.—R. F. Achilles.
Mar. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
Apr. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
May 1.—R. F. Achilles.
June 1.—R. F. Achilles.

FROM SEATTLE.
Jan. 21.—R. F. Achilles.
22.—N.Y.K. Takaka Maru.
Feb. 15.—R. F. Achilles.
Mar. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
Apr. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
May 1.—R. F. Achilles.
June 1.—R. F. Achilles.

FROM LOS ANGELES.
Feb. 5.—U.S.S.B. Bearport.
20.—U.S.S.B. Dowey.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO.
Jan. 21.—P. M. Pres. Cleveland.
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FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.
Jan. 19.—N.Y.K. Takaka Maru.
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Feb. 1.—P. M. Pres. Cleveland.
21.—U.S.S.B. Dowey.

FROM LIVERPOOL.
Jan. 23.—R. F. Achilles.
Feb. 5.—R. F. Achilles.
21.—R. F. Achilles.
Mar. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
Apr. 1.—R. F. Achilles.
May 1.—R. F. Achilles.
June 1.—R. F. Achilles.

FROM HAMBURG.
Jan. 27.—H.S.L. Indendort.

FROM ANTWERP.
Jan. 30.—H. A. L. Havalland.

FROM COPENHAGEN.
Feb. 26.—E. A. Blatow.
Mar. 12.—E. A. Blatow.
Apr. 1.—E. A. Blatow.

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HOME EDUCATION.

LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS.

AN INSTRUCTIVE LECTURE.

Parents' duties towards their young children in home studies, the methods to adopt and what to avoid in parental teaching were discussed in a most instructive lecture on "Home Education" given at the Helena May Institute this morning, by Mrs. J. R. Wood.

She emphasised that home education had an important bearing upon a child's future life, which rendered home studies a most important matter. Home education, she described, as a public trust to be regarded from a moral besides an educational point of view. The lecturer laid particular stress on the fact that in bringing up children parents must rely upon three things: atmosphere of environment, discipline of habit, and the presentation of living ideas.

She instanced authority as being one of the most important features of environment and said that parents should not allow their children too many indulgences, such as the eating of too many sweets. Parents should teach their children not to dawdle but influence them into the habit of attention and a child should be made to think for himself.

Discipline and truthfulness, she went on to prove, were important factors in the proper upbringing of a child and self-management must be regarded with equal seriousness. Mrs. Wood advised that lessons should be postponed until a child is six years old but great care, she said, should be taken that time was not wasted. Her personal opinion was that boys should enter a boy's school at the age of seven years, but for a girl home education could continue indefinitely. Mrs. Wood then suggested methods of imparting knowledge into young children.

Children, she declared, should learn from books and not from a teacher. It was the teacher's duty to guide and assist, but not to do out knowledge. Good books should be chosen and the reading should be consecutive.

The lecturer then said she would hand down a list of books which she believed would provide the right kind of reading for children. In a subsequent part of her lecture, Mrs. Wood outlined a programme of work for the child between six and seven years.

She proposed that children should be taught to use the Bible; for Sunday reading they would do well to read books dealing with the lives of great figures in history, like Nelson and Kitchener. In writing she recommended that children should begin with printed letters and spelling and dictation should be taught together. For tales, she thought such books as "Pilgrim's Progress," "Anderson's Fairy Tales" and "Aesop's Fables" were good to use.

In Natural History she suggested tales from Westminster and St. Paul's. Each child should keep a book, one for his own observations and the other for brush work. Geography, she thought at this period, should be learned out of doors such as the geography of our own town. In brush work she thought the child should learn to do original illustrations while writing lessons should be taught by phonetic and visualising.

At an early age, a child could be introduced to the French language, music, singing, drill and handicrafts.

The whole curriculum for a child of six or seven, should not, in the opinion of the lecturer, be more than 2½ hours per day.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mrs. Wood by Mrs. Claud Severn at the end of the lecture and was heartily carried.

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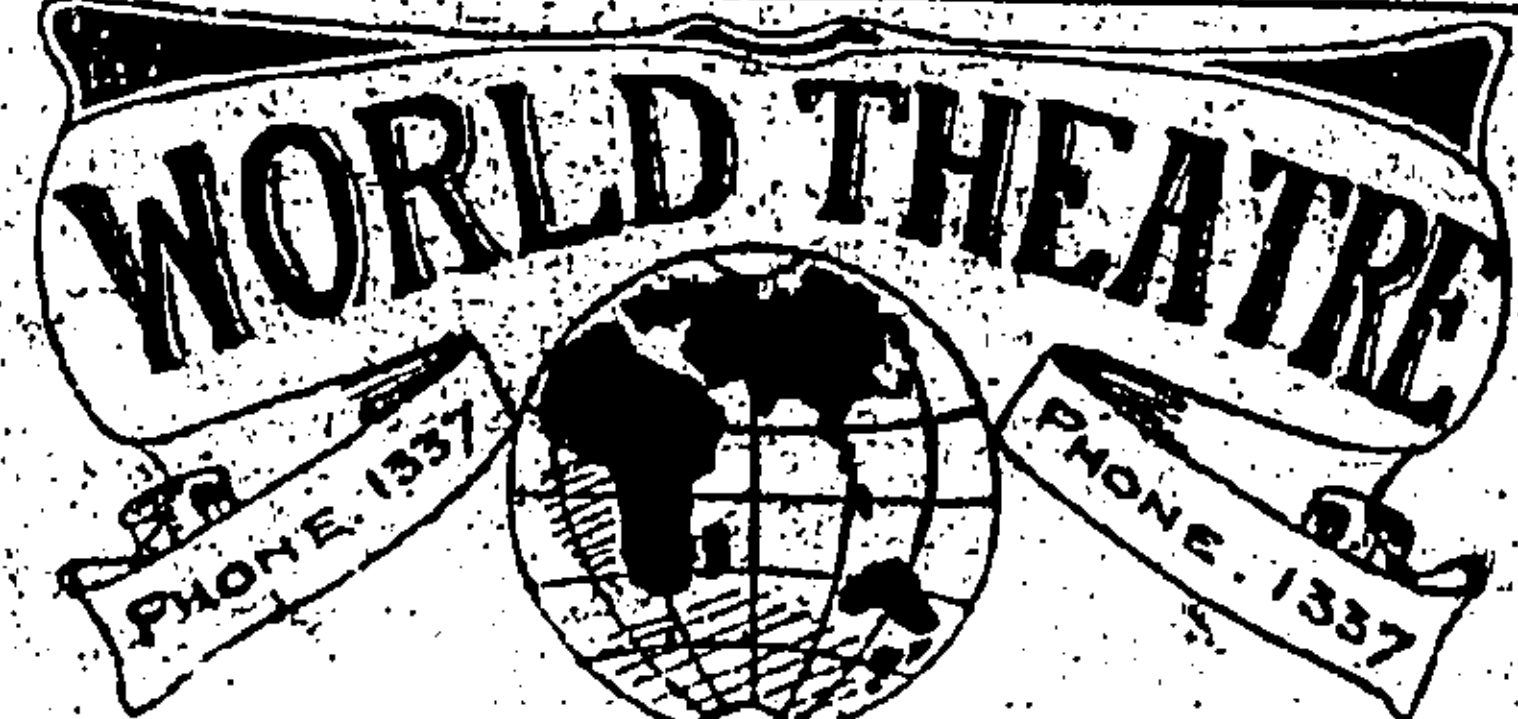
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Schiedyk, (J.C.I.L.) from Rotterdam, Manila—Kowloon Wharf.

Toyo Maru, (M.B.K.) from Hongkong, Quarry Bay.

DEPARTURES.

Benedi, (Gibb Liv) for Yokohama, Shanghai—January 17.

Pong Tong, (Yuen Sing Fat) for Canton—January 17.

Suma Maru, (O.S.K.) for Takao, Swatow—January 18.

Tinggang, (J.M. & Co.) for Canton, January 18.

Prominent, (Fok Tai Cheung) for Saigon—January 18.

Schiedyk, (J.C.I.L.) for Kobe, Shanghai—January 18.

Taiyue, Maru, (Y.K.K.) for Kowloon, Swatow—January 18.

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